

CITY OF CARLISLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 11, 2008, 6:30 P.M.
Carlisle City Hall Council Chamber

Officials present were: Mayor Ruth Randleman and Council Members Drew Merrifield, Eric Mahnke, Alma Reed and Robert VanRyswyk. Council Member Doug Hammerand was absent. Mayor Randleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by Merrifield, second by Mahnke to APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT ITEMS: abridged and unabridged January 28, 2008 Regular City Council meeting minutes, February 9, 2008 Special City Council meeting minutes, application and Resolution No. 2008021101 for tax abatement for Fredrick and Marcella Palar for residential improvements on lot 8, block 5, Vandale Addition, application and Resolution No. 2008021102 for tax abatement for Diane and Gary Becker for commercial improvements on W ½ lot 4 and E ½ lot 5, Hull's OL, 3-77-23, application and Resolution No. 2008021103 for tax abatement for Robert and Kathy Betzer for commercial improvements on W 50' ex S 45' lot 5, block Q, OTP, application and Resolution No. 2008021104 for tax abatement for Scott and Veronica Henderson for a new residence on lot 19, Danamere Farms, plat 1, application and Resolution No. 2008021105 for tax abatement for Marquis Builders, LLC for a new residence on lot 27, Danamere Farms, plat 1, application and Resolution No. 2008021106 for tax abatement for Marquis Builders, LLC for a new residence on lot 26, Danamere Farms, plat 1 and application and Resolution No. 2008021107 for tax abatement for Carlisle Community School for a new residence on lot 32, Danamere Farms, plat 1 carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

Motion by Merrifield, second by Mahnke to APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$39,853.65 carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS were received from Police, including the January 2008 arrest report, the January 2008 case assignment sheet and the 2008 monthly and yearly cases, and Electric. It was noted that only one citation had been issued for speeding.

No action was taken on the NORTHWEST AREA SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT, pending receipt of approval of the subordination of USDA debt and the Corps of Engineers permit, both of which are expected before the February 25, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion by Merrifield, second by VanRyswyk to APPROVE THE DRAFT CARLISLE COMMUNITY SURVEY and authorize its distribution, carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

Motion by Merrifield, second by Reed to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2008021108 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MCCLURE ENGINEERING FOR COMPLETION OF THE 404 GRADING PLAN FOR THE SCOTCH RIDGE CENTER, including provisions for relocation of the South River bridge at 150th Ave. and alignment of the REAP trail, in the amount of \$8,700 carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

Motion by VanRyswyk, second by Mahnke to APPROVE THE THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 69, PERTAINING TO PARKING BY ADDING PUBLIC PARKING LOTS TO THE SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN carried on a 3-1 roll call vote of those present with Merrifield voting Nay.

Frank Shultz, 1435 S. 5th St. stated that CITY ORDINANCE TITLE II - COMMUNITY PROTECTION, DIVISION 2 – ENFORCEMENT, ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL is not being enforced, especially with regard to cats in the S. Garfield St. area and that the cats are dangerous animals. Joanne Melby, on behalf of Cheryl Dillman, Charles and Karen Conant, Don and Dora Bartholomew and others, stated that the cats are vaccinated and neutered and are fed and sheltered. Stray and feral cats are taken to the Melby residence in Palmyra Township. Frank Shultz stated

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that the animal excreta and the three-animal maximum ordinances are also not being enforced. Changes in the ordinances that would address the situation will be considered and a question on animals at large will be added to the survey.

Motion by VanRyswyk, second by Reed to APPROVE THE FIRST READING AND TO WAIVE THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED ELECTRICAL CODE, in response to the recent enactment of a statewide electrical code, carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

The 2008-09 City Budget was reconsidered. It was decided to set the tax rate at \$13.80 per \$1,000 rather than \$13.76, as had been considered on February 9th. The proposed budget includes major capital outlays of \$3,959,941 for the Northwest Area sanitary sewer extension, \$348,400 for Southwest Area water distribution improvements and \$367,500 for Volunteer Creek watershed improvements and minor capital outlays of \$155,000 for an ambulance and fire command vehicle to be financed through borrowing, \$38,000 for a comprehensive plan, \$29,168 for police computers and records management, \$27,000 for paving the downtown trailhead, \$15,000 for a sidewalk and pedestrian crossing at the aquatic center, \$11,125 for Rec Center repairs and \$9,000 for marketing. Motion by Mahnke, second by Reed to RECEIVE AND ADOPT A FINAL PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET, WITH A TAX RATE OF \$13.80 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION and to order a notice of hearing, carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present. The proposed rate is 16 cents less than the 2007-08 rate of \$13.96 per \$1,000.

Motion by Mahnke, second by VanRyswyk to SET A HEARING FOR MONDAY MARCH 3, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M. on the 2008-09 budget, carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

The DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH THE BALL LEAGUES FOR USE OF BALL FIELD FACILITIES was discussed. The City Attorney recommended against a lease agreement because it would mean abdicating City control of public facilities. A Public Works Department report was received, including the FEMA clean up of the December 11th ice storm and the need to prohibit ash trees in order to help control the emerald ash borer.

Motion by Mahnke, second by Reed to GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, pursuant to chapter 21.5 (c.) of the Iowa Code to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 8:32 P.M., carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present. Motion by Mahnke, second by VanRyswyk to CLOSE THE CLOSED SESSION at 8:56 P.M., carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion by Mahnke, second by Reed to ADJOURN AT 8:58 P.M., carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present.

Ruth Randleman, Mayor

Attest:

Neil Ruddy, Administrator/Clerk